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SUBJ: GOH MAKES PUBLIC STATEMENT ON MOLE ST. NICOLAS INCIDENT

REF: P-AU-P 1605

1. HAITIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEPTEMBER 18 ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ON MOLE ST. NICOLAS INCIDENT, PUBLICIZED IN LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO SEPTEMBER 19:

2. QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE REPUBLIC, THAT ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 P.M. A PATROL OF THE ARMED FORCES AND NATIONAL SECURITY VOLUNTEERS CAME ACROSS A GROUP OF FOREIGNERS ILLEGALLY ON HAITIAN SOIL IN THE VICINITY OF "GRAND MER", A VILLAGE NEAR MOLE ST. NICOLAS. AN EXCHANGE OF SHOTS FOLLOWED, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH A MEMBER OF THE PATROL WAS WOUNDED. UNDER COVER OF THE NIGHT THE INTRUDERS FLED, LEAVING BEHIND
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A CARIBINE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT AND VARIOUS MUNITIONS.

3. A STATE OF ALERT WAS IMMEDIATELY DECREED BY THE CHIEF OF STATE, AERIAL PARTOLS SENT OUT, AND A UNIT OF THE HAITIAN NAVY, THE MH 22, WAS DESPATCHED TO MOLE ST. NICOLAS. IT OVERTOOK IN HAITIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS A WHITE YACHT, 36 FEET LONG AND 12 1/2 FEET WIDE FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG. TWO MEN ON THE DECK OF THE YACHT WERE INVITED TO BOARD THE MH 22 AND PRESENT THEIR IDENTIFICATION AFTER THEY DECLARED THEY WERE THE ONLY OCCUPANTS OF THEIR BOAT. SAILORS OF THE HAITIAN NAVY THEN BOARDED THE YACHT AND BEGAN A DETAILED INSPECTION. HIDDEN IN THE HOLD THEY FOUND A THIRD MAN WHO, WHEN BROUGHT UP ON THE DECK, HURRIEDLY THREW OVERBOARD FOUR LARGE SACKS. THE SAILORS OVERPOWERED HIM AND SEIZED FIVE OTHER SACKS SIMILAR TO THOSE THROWN OVERBOARD.

4. BROUGHT TO PORT-AU-PRINCE IN A HELICOPTER OF THE HAITIAN ARMED FORCES, THE THREE MEN, ALL OF AMERICAN NATIONALITY, WERE SUBMITTED TO INTERROGATION. THEY MADE A COMPLETE CONFESSION CONCERNING A VAST MARIJUANA-SMUGGLING ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE WEST INDIES. ANALYSIS OF THE CONTENTS OF THE SACKS SEIZED ON BOARD THE YACHT, WHICH WEIGHED A TOTAL OF 300 KILOGRAMS, REVEALED THEY CONTAINED MARIJUANA. IT IS THE LARGEST QUANTITY EVER UNCOVERED IN HAITI.

5. ON SEPTEMBER 14 THE PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE REPUBLIC RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE TWO SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES, SPECIALISTS IN NARCOTICS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND AN AMERICAN CONSUL. THESE AGENTS, WHO TRAVELLED HERE AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHIEF OF STATE, INSPECTED THE YACHT AND TOOK A SAMPLE OF MARIJUANA FROM EACH PACKAGE.

6. DETERMINED TO SAFEGUARD THE MORAL HEALTH OF YOUTH AND TO DEFEND THE NATIONAL SECURITY, THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING ITS INVESTIGATION IN ORDER COMPLETELY TO CLARIFY THIS AFFAIR. UNQTE COMMUNIQUE DATED SEPTEMBER 18 AND SIGNED BY SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADRIEN RAYMOND.

7. AT SAME TIME, SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION AND COORDINATION
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PAUL BLANCHET ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE WARNING AGAINST FALSE RUMORS DESIGNED TO CREATE PUBLIC UNREST AND ANNOUNCING THAT POLICE HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO APPLY "FULL RIGORS OF THE LAW" AGAINST "ANTI-PATRIOTIC" RUMOR-MONGERS. BLANCHET'S COMMUNIQUE ALSO PUBLICIZED IN LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO SEPTEMBER 19.
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